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tions.

"(B) when entering into contracts that may result in the elimination of responsibilities of an individual fiscal intermediary or carrier under section 202(b) of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996; and
"(C) at any other time considered appropriate by the Secretary.

except that the Secretary may continue to contract with entities that are carrying out the activities described in this section pursuant to agreements under section 1816 or contracts under section 1842 in effect on the date of the enactment of this section.

"(3) Procedures under which a contract under this section may be renewed without regard to any provision of law requiring competition if the contractor has met or exceeded the performance requirements established in the current contract.

The Secretary may enter into such contracts without regard to final rules having been promulgated.

"(e) LIMITATION ON CONTRACTOR LIABILITY.
The Secretary shall by regulation provide for the limitation of a contractor's liability for actions taken to carry out a contract under the Program, and such regulation shall, to the extent the Secretary finds appropriate, employ the same or comparable standards and other substantive and procedural provisions as are contained in section 1157."

"(b) ELIMINATION OF FI AND CARRIER RESPONSIBILITY FOR CARRYING OUT ACTIVITIES SUBJECT TO PROGRAM."

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1) PART A — Section 1816 (42 U.S.C. 1395h) is
amended by adding
at the end the following new subsection:
"(1) No agency or organization may carry
out (or receive pay-
ment for carrying out) any activity pursuant
to an agreement under
this section to the extent that the activity is
carried out pursuant
to a contract under the Medicare
Integrity Program under
section 1893."
(2) RESPONSIBILITIES OF CARRIERS UNDER
PART B — Section
1842(c) (42 U.S.C. 1395u(c)) is amended
by adding at the end
the following new paragraph:
"(6) No carrier may carry out (or receive
payment for carrying
out) any activity pursuant to a contract
under this subsection
to the extent that the activity is carried out
pursuant to a contract
under the Medicare Integrity Program under
section 1893. The
previous sentence shall not apply with
respect to the activity
described in section 1893(b)(5) (relating to
prior authorization of
certain items of durable medical
equipment under section

42 USC 1395b-5 SEC. 203. BENEFICIARY INCENTIVE
PROGRAMS,

(a) CLARIFICATION OF REQUIREMENT TO
PROVIDE EXPLANATION
OF MEDICARE BENEFITS. — The Secretary of
Health and Human Services (in this section referred to as the
"Secretary") shall provide
an explanation of benefits under the
Medicare program under title
XVIII of the Social Security Act with
respect to each item or
service for which payment may be made
under the program which
is furnished to an individual, without
regard to whether or not
a deductible or coinsurance may be
imposed against the individual
with respect to the item or service.